

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 19, line 1 with the following rewritten Abstract:

Abstract of the Disclosure

Tear-off device for sections (46) of a continuous material (18) with a pullout mechanism (10) for the transport of the continuous material (18) and with a tear-off mechanism (12), which has at least two pressure-applying elements (24, 26, 70), which are disposed on two opposite sides of the continuous material (18) and of which at least one can be positioned against the continuous material (18) by means of a positioning device, ~~characterized in that~~ with the positioning device ~~has~~ having at least one motor (42; 49; 60) and a control device (43) for the temporal control of the motor (42; 49; 60), with which the pressure-applying elements (24; 26; 70) can be positioned at a controllable point in time.